

REMARKS

In the Office action dated March 23rd, 2007, indicated as final, the Examiner objected to informalities in claims 1 & 13 relating to the placement of the “second end”. Claims 1 & 13 have been amended to place a first and second end on the housing of the toiletry device as described within the specification. That is, the housing forms the device having a first and second end. The stem is then described as a part of the housing and has said first end and the mandrel is described as a part of the housing and has said second end. The original language attempted to place and call out the first and second ends and stem and mandrel all at the same time which was confusing.

In the Office action dated March 23rd, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 10, 13, & 16 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by *Federico*, U.S. #5,630,243. The Examiner further rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a), claims 3 & 17 as obvious in light of *Federico* in view of newly cited *Leppart*, U.S. #1,192,330.

As in the Office Action dated October 4th, 2006, in the Office Action dated March 23rd, 2007 claims 4, 6 - 9, 11, 12, 14 & 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 13, 15, & 16 to include the originally filed base claim and any intervening claims as directed by the Examiner in the Office Action dated October 4th, 2006. That is, claims 2 & 4 have been cancelled and incorporated into the originally filed claim 1; claim 3 now depends upon claim 1; claim 5 has been cancelled; claim 6 now incorporates originally filed claim 1; originally filed claim 11 has been cancelled and incorporated into originally filed claim 10 along with the originally filed base claim 1 incorporated into claim 10; claim 12 now incorporates originally filed claim 1; claim 14 has been deleted and incorporated into the originally filed base claim 13. Claim 15 is amended to simply depend upon amended claim 13. Applicant's amendments are pursuant to the indication of allowable subject matter in the October 4th, 2006 Office Action and are intended to place the Application in a condition of allowance. No new matter has been added.

Applicant is relying upon the indicated allowability of the Examiner's ruling in the October 4th, 2006 Office Action that the originally filed claims 4, 6 - 9, 11, 12, 14 & 15, although objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, were indicated allowable if rewritten in independent form including the originally filed base claim and any intervening claims.

As amended, the application has five independent claims. Included is the extra claim fee.

Applicant believes the aforesaid together with the corresponding dependent claims comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) & §103(a). Applicant further states that no new matter has been added to the present art Application and the antecedent basis for all amendments is found within the specification.

In view of the foregoing, the independent claims along with their corresponding dependent claims are herewith submitted as patentable. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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